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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18 (Cancelled)

19 - 34. (Canceled)

35. (New) An access control node coupled to a client computer and a storage device via a first network, comprising:

a first interface module coupled to the storage device;

a second interface module coupled to a client computer and another control node;

a control module configured to control, via the first interface module, requests from a client computer or other control node related to data stored in the storage device;

an analysis module configured to specify a source of the requests as one of the client computer or the other control node;

a log module configured to store log entries of the requests with the specified source;

a log analysis module configured to extract log entries of the requests from the log module having the other control node as the specified source;

a data transmit module configured to send data related to the requests of the extracted log entries to the other control node when the other control node is the specified source of the

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requests of the extracted log entries and the number of the extracted log entries for the requests is a predetermined value.

36. (New) The access control node according to claim 35, wherein the data transmit module migrates the related data to the other control node if there is no request for the related data from the client computer via the second interface.

37. (New) The access control node according to claim 35, wherein the data transmit module copies the related data to the other control node if there is no request for the related data from the client computer via the second interface.

38. (New) A computer system comprising:

a first network system including a first client computer, a first control node, and a first storage device;

a plurality of second network systems including a second client computer, and a second control node, and a second storage device;

wherein the first control node is coupled to the first storage device and is configured to:

control a first request related to data stored in the first storage device from either the first client computer or the second control node as a specified source of the first request;

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store log entries of the first request with the specified source of the first request;

extract log entries of the first requests from the second control node;

send data related to the extracted log entries of the first requests to the second control node when the second control node is the specified source of the extracted log entries of the first requests and if the number of the extracted log entries of the first requests is a predetermined value;

the second control node is coupled to the second storage device and is configured to:

receive a second request from the second client computer in the second network system;

determine if the received second request is received from a data location in the second storage device or the first storage device;

send a request to the first control node, which manages the first storage device, as a first request if the received second request is related to the first storage device; and

stores to the second storage device if the data related to the second request is received from the first control node.

39. (New) The computer system according to claim 38, wherein the first control node migrates data related to the extracted log entries of the first requests to the second control node if there is no request related to the related data from the first client computer.

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40. (New) The computer system according to claim 38, wherein the first control node copies data related to the extracted log entries of the first requests to the second control node if there is no request related to the related data from the first client computer.

41. (New) The computer system according to claim 38, wherein the first control node converts a source of the first request from the first client computer to the second control node when the received request is related to the second control node.

42. (New) A computer system comprising:

a plurality of storage systems including a control device and a storage device;

a client computer; and

a management computer;

wherein the control device is configured to:

control a request from a client computer and other storage systems in which the request is related to data stored in the storage device of respective storage system or data stored in the other storage system;

transmit the request to the other storage system if the request is related to data stored in the other storage system;

access the data on the basis of the request if the request is related to data stored in the storage device of the respective storage system;

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store log entries of the request with the source of the request being specified as either the client computer or the other storage system; and

extract the log entries related to the request from the other storage system;

wherein the management computer sends data related to the requests of the extracted log entries to the other storage system when the other storage system is the specified source and when the number of the extracted log entries for the requests is a predetermined value.

43. (New) The computer system according to claim 42, wherein the control device migrates the related data to the other storage system if there is no request for the related data from the client computer.

44. (New) The computer system according to claim 42, wherein the control device copies the related data to the other storage system if there is no request for the related data from the client computer.

45. (New) The computer system according to claim 42, wherein the control device converts a source of the request from the client computer to the other storage system when the received request is related to the other storage system.

46. (New) The computer system according to claim 42, further comprising a management server coupled to a plurality of the storage systems which is configured to

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**collect logs from a plurality of the storage systems to extract log entries for the requests
which are received from the other storage systems and to send an instruction to send, to the
other storage system, data related to the request of the extracted log entries.**